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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6044

BILL NUMBER: SB 88

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 11, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Software for candidate reports.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Craycraft

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Election Division to provide at no cost to candidates software that candidates may download and install on their personal computers in order to file campaign finance reports electronically.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* Under the bill, the Election Division would develop a software system for campaign finance report transmittal at an estimated expense of up to \$100,000 and potential savings of approximately \$50,000 per election cycle (assuming that all candidates with contributions of \$10,000 or more filed with the system.)

Background: A software downloadable system would require start-up expenditures of approximately \$65,000. Assuming the Division supplies discs containing the software and instructions, offers centralized training seminars, and provides additional troubleshooting services, expenditures would increase by \$35,000, for a total of \$100,000. The bill does not make an appropriation to cover these costs.

The Division should also have a savings with the new filing system. The Division could reduce expenditures for data entry support provided by outside vendors. During the 2000 election cycle, data entry expenditures were \$40,000 for pre-primary filing, \$60,000 for general election filing, and \$60,000 for year-end filing. If all candidates raising \$10,000 or more in campaign contributions filed electronically, the savings would be about \$50,000 per election cycle.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected:

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